**The Invisible War Series January 28, 2024**

**How to Deal with the Occult - Deuteronomy 18:9-14, 18**

**Occult Practices Forbidden**

1. “There should not be found among you anyone who makes his son or daughter pass through the fire” (v. 10)

* + **Child sacrifice** to appease the gods
  + See Deuteronomy 12:31

2. “one who uses divination” (v. 10b)

* + To **determine the future** and control the world apart from the Lord using means other than a true prophet of God speaking on behalf of the Lord
  + To seek to discover **hidden knowledge** through the reading of omens, animal organs, dreams, lots, or astrology

3. “one who practices witchcraft” (v. 10c)

* + The use of formulas and **incantation** to produce extraordinary effects by the invocation or aid of demons in the use of magic arts, spells or charms

4. “one who interprets omens or a sorcerer” (v. 10d)

* + A specific type of divination that seeks to know the future through **signs or events**
  + A person who claims to have supernatural power or knowledge through evil spirits

5. “one who casts a spell” (v. 11a)

* + The act of charming; **typing up a person** through magic; used in the sense of binding with a charm consisting of words of occult power

6. “medium” (v. 11b)

* + One who foretells the future by conversing with   
    **spirits of the dead**. However, the medium does not actually talk with a dead person but rather with demons

7. “spiritist or who calls up the dead” (v. 11c)

* + One who has **knowledge** obtained through non-human means

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2. Avoid False Religions

* Mormonism Buddhism
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* Scientology Satanism
* Nature worship Bahaism
* Unitarianism / universalism Jehovah’s Witnesses
* Hinduism

3. Destroy any occult objects that you have used or are in your home

* + Ouija board, magic-8-ball, tarot cards, astrology books / horoscopes, idols

4. If you have participated in any of these rituals, you need to renounce any engagement that you have had with the demonic realm

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